The following were some of the more urgent needs of the taluk :—

(1) The extension of the railway to North Travancore should be taken up immediately.

(2) The following roads should be completed, wherever necessary, and converted into cartable roads ;—

(*a*) the ryots' road from Kuzhikandam to Neduvakattu *via* Varapatti and Pothanikadu ;

(*b*) the incomplete road from Muvattupuzha to Palakuzha *via* Arakuzha ;

(*c*) the road from the Kothamangalam market to the Vazhakulam market ;

(*d*) the road from Thrikariyur to the Periyar bank *via* Vettilapara ;

(*e*) the road from the H. R. road, 8th mile to Peruvinnur.

(3) The following new roads should be opened as early as possible :—

(*a*) a road from near the Perumpavur-Kothamangalam road, 8th mile, *via* Kottapadi to the Kuruppumpadi-Kuttikal road ;

(*b*) a road from near the Mathirapally mosque on the Muvattupuzha-Kothamangalam road to the middle of the Kuzhikandam-Varapatti road ;

(*c*) a road from the Piravam-Ramamangalam road to Arakuzha on the Muvattupuzha-Palakuzha road ;

(*d*) a road from the Kothamangalam market to the banks of the Kothamangalam river.

In addition to the above, the road which the people had laid out from near the Muvattupuzha-Palakuzha road, 6th mile, to near the Arakuzha boys' school and girls' school should be extended to the Vazhakulam-Vazhithala road and it should be made cartable ; a bridge should be constructed at Kuzhikandam *kadavu* on the road from the Muvattupuzha-Kothamangalam road to Neduvakattu ; the street at Kothamangalam should be converted into a cartable road and connected with the neighbouring road ; the road from about the 3rd mile, Muvattupuzha-Kothamangalam road, to the P. K. road should be completed soon ; and the road from the Muvattupuzha-Todupuzha road to Kalavur *via* Kumaramangalam should be extended to the Kothamangalam-Pallivasal road, 4th mile, *via* Paingottur market, and from thence to the Palamattom road *via* Peruvinnur and it should be made a cartable road.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Eipe Antony, when the road board is constituted, which, I trust, will be before long, the requirements in the matter of communications in your taluk will be placed before it.

**44. Opening of a road along the southern bank of the Parur Vedimara thodu so as to begin from the northern opening of the Cheriapalli thodu and end at the Thottumukhom Chowkai.**

MR. R. VENKITESWARA IYER, (*Member, Municipal Council, Parur*) said that the Parur Vedimara thodu formed the northern bounda-

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of the Parur municipality. With the growth of population in the municipality, the parts of the town lying along the southern banks of the *thodu* had to be made more habitable. The municipal council was ready to look after the sanitation of the locality, but it was beyond their financial resources to open the new road and to protect it by constructing retaining walls on the *thodu*. The annual income of the municipality was just enough for its ordinary functions; and the grant of Rs. 500 which Government were giving them was stopped five or six years ago.

The opening of the proposed road would in the first place provide direct communication from the Thottumukhom customs house to the eastern parts of the town, and secondly it would help the maintenance of sanitation in the northern parts of the town.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Venkiteswara Aiyar, the department concerned reports that the proposed road will be about 2 miles in length and that it will go through valuable cocoanut gardens crossing the Court entrance canal where a bridge of 50 feet span will be required. It will also have to cross a good many drainage canals where at least 30 culverts of different sizes will be required. Lands have to be acquired at heavy cost for the whole length and the cost of opening these two miles of road will approximately come to Rs. 35,000 including all masonry work and compensation. The department advises the Government that the need for this expensive road has not been established.

**45. Opening of the Northern Out-let road and the Neriamangalam-Pallivasal road.**

MR. ALBERT J. WRIGHT (*Member, Kannan Devan Planters' Association*) said that since he made his representation on the subject of the Northern Out-let road at the twenty-fourth session of the Assembly a year ago, a change had taken place which had brought the importance of the road into greater prominence than before. This was nothing other than the adoption of this route by the postal authorities for the transport of mails to Munnar, whereby a saving of twenty-four hours had been effected in the time occupied in the transit from Madras. Government, it was understood, had been addressed by the British Indian Postal authorities regarding the state of this road and everybody trusted that the enterprise displayed in expediting the mail deliveries would not long be hampered by the inadequacy of the road for the traffic it had to carry.

At an annual general meeting of the Kannan Devan Planters' Association held in May last, a resolution was adopted unanimously, regretting the unsympathetic attitude of the Government towards the representations made on their behalf at the last session of the Assembly and requesting the Government to give early consideration to the necessity of bringing the road up to a suitable standard as one of the main out-lets of a large and increasing planting community.

The Dewan's reply to the representation at the last session was to effect that until the Neriamangalam Ghat road had been completed

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